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Soviets Claim to Have Lunar Spacesuits: During a visit to the United States Manned Spacecraft Center in July, Yuriy V. Romanenko stated that the Soviets have liquid-cooled spacesuits which they plan to use in their lunar program. He also showed familiarity with liquid-cooled suits and seemed to know how they worked.

Comment: A Soviet program for lunar spacesuit development reportedly was curtailed in 1969. But this statement by one of the alternate Apollo-Soyuz technical project (joint US-Soviet mission) pilots supports previous indications that the current Soviet spacesuit development and certification program includes equipment for lunar surface extravehicular activity. Such activity strongly suggests that the Soviets have not abandoned plans for a manned lunar landing, although major problems have greatly delayed the program.